

PATENT APPLICATION

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For: FIBROUS ACTIVE CARBON AND NONWOVEN FABRIC INCLUDING THE SAME

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

A copy of the listed document is submitted herewith. Applicant notes that JPA 2003-082533 and JPA 05-339818 were previously submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 17, 2006.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date; (2) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required. However, since this Information Disclosure Statement is

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of an Office Action from the People's Republic of China Patent Office in a counterpart Chinese patent application (Application No. 200480033592.1) citing such documents, together with an English-language version of the Office Action indicating the degree of relevance found by the People's Republic of China Patent Office.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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